



**TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO HOUSE BILL 5212
AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE OF BATTERY-POWERED SMOKE
DETECTORS IN THE STATE.**

Senator Osten, Representative Horn, Senator Champagne, Representative Paolillo, Representative Howard, and members of the Committee on Public Safety and Security:

In its current form, the Lumber Dealers Association of Connecticut (LDAC) opposes House Bill 5212, which would prohibit the sale of smoke detection and warning equipment that is powered solely by a battery unless the equipment has a nonremovable, nonreplaceable battery capable of powering the equipment for a minimum of ten years.

While LDAC understands and supports the laudable purpose of this legislation, our members would find the October 1, 2022, date established for sale of existing and ordered stock of removable battery smoke detectors to be too quick of a turnaround.

It would be preferable if the sell down/order date were to commence one year from enactment of any new law mandating nonremovable, nonreplaceable battery operated smoke detectors.

We ask that you take the considerations of our industry seriously and oppose this legislation as currently drafted.

The LDAC represents independent lumber and building material dealers, manufactures, wholesalers, distributors, and other associated businesses in the state of Connecticut. The lumber and building materials industry employs more than 35,000 Connecticut residents and has an annual payroll of over \$1 billion.